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Listing of Claims

1. – 12. (canceled)

13. (currently amended) An apparatus for extruding filaments, said apparatus comprising:

- a) an extrusion die;
- b) a polymer supply in fluid communication with said extrusion die;
- c) a plurality of extrusion capillaries in said extrusion die;
- d) a plurality of counterbores in said extrusion die allowing fluid communication between said capillaries and said polymer supply;
- e) an adjustable insert for interrupting said fluid communication between said polymer supply and at least one of said extrusion capillaries; and wherein said insert is a rod having a substantially circular cross section, a diameter and a length, said rod having at least a first portion and a second portion along said length, said first portion having a plurality of spaced apart locations and a single hole through said diameter, and said second portion having a plurality of spaced apart locations at least two holes through said diameter, and further having a plurality of spaced apart holes therethrough.

14. – 19. (canceled)

20. (currently amended) The apparatus of Claim ~~49~~13 further comprising a second adjustable insert for interrupting said fluid communication between said polymer supply and at least one of said extrusion capillaries, wherein said second adjustable insert is a rod having a substantially circular cross section, a diameter and a length, said rod having at least a first portion and a second portion along said length, said first portion having at a plurality of spaced apart locations a single hole through said diameter, and said second portion having at a plurality of spaced apart locations at least two holes through said diameter.